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E.O.: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FRENCH ATOMIC TEST EXPLOSION IN PACIFIC

1. DE SAINT-LEGIER, QUAI DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS, YESTERDAY BROUGHT TO AMBASSADOR'S ATTENTION A REPORT FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN LIMA. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, FRENCH AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD BY VALDEMAR LLAMOSAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PERUVIAN ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL COMMISSION, THAT AN UNNAMED U.S. OFFICIAL HAD TOLD HIM, LLAMOSAS, AT U.S. EMBASSY'S JULY 4 RECEPTION AT LIMA, IN PRESENCE OF SEVERAL HIGH-RANKING PERUVIAN OFFICIALS, THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO REASON FOR FEAR THAT FALLOUT FROM FORTHCOMING FRENCH ATOMIC TEST EXPLOSION WOULD ENDANGER HUMAN POPULATIONS, THE GOP WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO MONITOR THE COSTAL WATERS CAREFULLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT RADIOACTIVE POLLUTION WAS SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH TO ENDANGER MARINE FAUNA AND FLORA.

2. DE SAINT-LEGIER COMMENTED THAT IF FACTS AS REPORTED ARE CORRECT, THERE WERE TWO ASPECTS TO WHICH FRENCH TOOK EXCEPTION. FIRST, THAT U.S. OFFICIAL WOULD HAVE TALKED IN FOREGOING TERMS AT ALL TO PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES SINCE HE UNDERSTOOD WE WERE CAREFULLY OBSERVING COMPLETELY NEUTRAL POSTURE AS REGARDS FORTHCOMING FRENCH TESTS AND, SECOND, THAT HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. TECHNICAL AS-

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SESSMENT DID NOT COINCIDE WITH OFFICIAL'S ALLEGED STATEMENT,

I.E., WE DO NOT RPT NOT FORESEE ANY MEASURABLE DEGRADATION OF
MARINE LIFE RESULTING FROM PROJECTED FRENCH TEST.

3. DE SAINT-LEGIER SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY FOREIGN MIN-
ISTER TO BRING THIS REPORT TO AMBASSADOR'S ATTENTION AVEC NETTETE
(WITH FIRMNESS). HE SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A
PROTEST BUT ADDED THAT THE GOF NATURALLY EXPECT THAT WE WOULD "DO
SOMETHING ABOUT IT".

4. COMMENT: FRENCH APPEAR AT TIMES INCREASINGLY NERVOUS OVER
WIDESPREAD CONDEMNATION OF THEIR IMPENDING PACIFIC TESTS, AND
COULD BE EXPECTED REACT SENSITIVELY TO SUCH A REPORT FROM LIMA.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHATEVER INFORMATION EMBASSY LIMA CAN
PROVIDE ON THE MATTER.
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